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## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA BILLINGS DIVISION

NATIVE ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL, and ALLIANCE FOR THE WILD ROCKIES,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

JON RABY, Acting State Director, the BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, an agency of the United States.

Defendants.

CV-18-55-SPW-TJC

MOTION FOR ATTORNEY FEES AND OTHER EXPENSES UNDER THE EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT

Plaintiffs Native Ecosystem Council and Alliance for the Wild Rockies files this motion for attorney fees and other costs pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 54(d) and the Equal Access to Justice

Act (EAJA) fee provision. 28 U.S.C. §2412. Plaintiffs motion should be granted because they are the "prevailing party," the Defendants' position was not substantially justified, and no special circumstances exists to make an award unjust. 28 U.S.C. §2412(d)(1)(A). Additionally, Plaintiffs requested rates and hours are reasonable.

Plaintiffs respectfully requests this Court award \$126,480.00 in attorney fees, \$578.00 in expert witness fees, and \$1,448.01 in taxable and nontaxable costs. Plaintiffs submit a brief in support of this motion.

Defendants have been contact regarding this motion and state that they oppose.

Dated this 8th day of April, 2019.

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that Defendants' counsel, Dean K. Dunsmore, has filed a notice of appearance in this case and therefore will be served via ECF.

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